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PAUL'S NOTE

The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 4,750 new cases of breast cancer this year in Arizona alone. What can you do to help? If you live near Marcel's Total Fitness at 7285 E Tanque Verde Road on August 22, you should stop by and help support the fight against breast cancer.

From 10 am – 2 pm, Marcel's is hosting a fundraiser that will include a silent auction, food and a raffle. Noted local breast cancer expert Dr. Michele Ley of Banner/University Medical Center and local representatives of the American Cancer Society will be speaking.

The event is being organized by Shirley

Kroot, who has already raised \$70,000 for breast cancer research. I'm proud to have people like her in the community.

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In other health news in the ward, I attended the opening of Epoch Men's Health. They are located at 4951 E. Grant Road and they offer a free men's health screening. That includes a prostate check-up. Remember that prostate cancer will affect 1 in 6 men, a rate that is second only to skin cancer.

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The newspaper featured an article last week about what is going in at Wilmot Plaza. People have been calling both my office and the newspaper to ask about

who their tenants are going to be.

Back when Bourn Companies first wanted to refurbish Wilmot Plaza, they approached my office. I facilitated some conversations with the San Rafael Neighborhood Association (they are just north of the location) and we managed to work out a plan for redevelopment that was good for both the company and the neighbors. It's something I've striven to do in my time on the council.

Now, you are wondering what's going in there. Back in November, Bourn announced that DICK'S Sporting Goods would be the anchor tenant. The T. J. Maxx is staying, but there is room for an-

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other big tenant. Who could go in the other big spot?

Well, I've heard tales. The Bourn people have told me that they are negotiating and not prepared to reveal the name of the "mystery tenant." We'll all have to wait for an invitation to the opening.

RILLITO INTERCEPT PROJECT TRAFFIC ALERT

Construction activities scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2015 have been rescheduled to begin on Monday, August 10, 2015 and continue through late September 2015. During this time, the contractor will be completing sewer rehabilitation work in the westbound lanes of Tanque Verde Road.

Westbound travel lanes on Tanque Verde Road will be closed between Woodland (west end) and Pantano Roads.

A portion of the center median will be removed to allow traffic on westbound Tanque Verde Road to be shifted into the eastbound travel lanes.

Traffic along eastbound Tanque Verde Road will be reduced to one travel lane in each direction through this area.

During the week of Monday, August 3, 2015 the contractor will begin the sewer rehabilitation/lining process along Woodland Road. The following traffic controls will be in place:

Traffic along Woodland Road will be shifted around the work areas.

Alternate one-way traffic may be in place during construction activities.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Aquatic Fitness: On Thursday, August 6, seniors will have an opportunity to participate and enjoy an aquatic fitness class. The class is a free water exercise class which provides a variety of low to moderate movements to increase cardio strength. The class will take place at the Udall Park swimming pool. Refreshments provided by CareMore.

Smarter than a 5th Grader?: The Eastside Senior Club will host the "Smarter Than a 5th Grader Challenge" on Wednesday, August 26 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.00. There will be refreshments and prizes. The event will be sponsored by Handmaker, Jewish Services for the Aging.

For additional questions, please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121. Sign-ups for the activities are done at the front desk.

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: We are very happy to announce that the Park and Ride is now available to use. Sun Tran routes 8, 108 express, and 4 are now stopping at this facility. Details are available at http://suntran.com/commuter_park.php. The bus driver offices/restrooms building has been installed, and we are wrapping up the final utility and security camera connections.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: Scheduled for completion September 20, 2016. We have had more excitement than we planned on this project.

As you know, we had the intersection closed this past weekend to install new water lines in the middle of the intersection. This approach saved us three weeks of very restricted travel through the area, and we were lucky to not have the rains to contend with.

Monday evening the old existing water line (4 feet away from the new line, which is not yet activated) developed a crack and blew a leak, disrupting traffic. The contractor, along with Tucson Water, was able to repair the old line and have traffic moving again before midnight. We temporarily have engineered fill in place, and as soon as we can get a pavement truck out, we will get that area paved again. We apologize for the unexpected inconvenience to those without water, and to those traveling through the area. After we get the new water lines activated, we will be removing this old line.

Last Friday we unexpectedly hit a small underground power line in the area of Camino Quince, and we had about sixteen neighbors without power for a short period of time. Again, we apologize for that inconvenience as well.

Houghton is a large utility corridor, and this presents additional challenges.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

No changes are anticipated to traffic impacts this week.

Adjacent project: Broadway Boulevard: Camino Seco to Houghton Roadway Improvements project has started the design phase. Keep an eye out for upcoming open houses sometime in August and November. We will keep you updated as we hear. This project was accelerated from its original schedule to bring the pavement upgrades to you as soon as possible and in the most efficient way. If you have any questions about this project you may contact Sam Credio at 520-837-6641.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring Swim Schedule: The Spring Swim schedule for Udall Park and Ft. Lowell Park started April 1st. Contact the Aquatics Division at 791-4245/791-5352 or visit <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/aquatics#hours> for pool locations and swim schedule.

Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog: The Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog is available. The catalog can be picked-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. It can be viewed on-line at www.ezeereg.com Contact the Registration Office at 791-4877 for additional information.

Summer Road Races and Track and Field: Summer Track and Field events will be held at Roy Drachman Stadium near Plummer & 15th every Tuesday through July 15.

Summer Road Races will be held each Thursday thru July 16 at various parks around Tucson. For more information, call 791-4870.

Onsite registration for both events begins at 5:45 pm with the competition starting at 6:30 pm. Registration is \$3 for children and \$4 for adults. Ribbons will be given to the top finishers. For details, please call 791-4870.

Fall Softball Program: The Fall 2015 Softball season begins August 31. Registration for the program begins at 8:00 a.m. on August 3. A location for registration has not been determined. The information will be posted mid July. Please contact the Sports Unit at 791-4870 for questions.

Jennie Finch Softball Camp: The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, along with Visit Tucson and Pima Community College, is honored to host the Jennie Finch Softball Camp at the Lincoln Park Softball Complex, 8116 E. Escalante Road, for all girls third grade and up. Camp will be held Oct. 24-25, 2015. Join Jennie Finch and her Olympic and professional softball teammates for two full days of personal instruction covering all aspects of softball. Come and learn from the best softball players in the world and discover what it takes to be a champion on and off the field.

Advanced registration is required and participation is limited. The cost is \$195 per camper or register 10 or more girls together to receive a 10 percent team discount. Campers will receive lunch both days, official camp t-shirt, autographed photo of Jennie Finch, certificate of participation, and a photo taken with Jennie and her medals. There will be a question and answer time for campers, coaches and parents, Finch Windmill demonstration, pitching demonstration by Jennie, hitting demonstrations by professional coaches, and drawings for prizes. Participants can register now at www.JennieFinch.com.

Recreation Center Closures for Annual Cleaning:

Clements—Aug 17-22

Freedom—Not yet determined

Randolph— Aug 3-8

Udall—Aug 10-15

ARC—Aug 10-15

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 5. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session.

There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

